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President's Address

Ruth F. Rogers, A.B., D.H.

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THIS year is peculiarly a year of contrasts in Chicago, one of *Yesterdays*, *Todays*, and *Tomorrows*, and it seems especially appropriate that Dentistry should have a prominent part in this great Century of Progress Exposition, as a science which has developed within the last century, one of remarkable scientific changes.

Like most professional activities of women, the *Yesterdays* of the Dental Assistant are still so recent as to seem but part of *Today* in contrast with the Century of Evolution in the dental world, yet for the past quarter of this century of Dental Evolution she has become a very real part of the modern dental office organization. When that new-fangled instrument known as the telephone became of increasing importance to the dental practitioner, with its insistent demanding ring always occurring at the most critical moment in a dental operation, the *Yesterdays* of the dental assistant began. Still struggling for recognition in the world of affairs as a professional man of dignity, the harassed, ambitious dentist added a bit of social prestige, as well as bringing peace to his office, by hiring a "lady in reduced circumstances" to answer the telephone, and since she was there, to also answer the door. From that it was an easy step for her to soothe the nervous patient and restless child, reassuring them that her employer really was most careful; for the day of a general adoption of anesthetics was still sufficiently recent so that many knew only too well how very painful an extraction might be. It was not a position of much responsibility, and as there was plenty of time, she brought her knitting along,

and sometimes read the dental journals for lack of any other current literature. Here and there, the more alert would read of some part of office procedure that it seemed she might perform for the dentist, so when he was pressed for time, she gradually assumed more and more tasks. If her employer was possessed of sufficient imagination, as time went on, he taught her some of the more simple phases of laboratory work, and he found that some of the patients might just as well have a plate that she had made under his supervision, as one that he had made himself!

The increasing tempo of the business world finally became reflected in the dental office and we found the statements from the dental office competing with the neatly typed bill from the coal office. So we saw the "office girl" with a meager training in stenography, entering the dental office to bring a new order and system to the business affairs of the professional man. Here and there, commercial interests quick to grasp the opportunity presented, held special book-keeping classes and gradually the "office girls" training built up to that of the secretary in the business world.

Dentistry, itself went thru a series of remarkable changes in technic and theory, and the adaptation of the dentist to these newer concepts, necessitated assistance in more and more skilled procedures. Seeking to free himself from filling too much of his time cleaning the teeth of his patients, some office assistants were given training in the methods of cleaning teeth and were permitted to practice as oral hygienists under general supervision.

These pioneers of dental assisting contributed two of our four ideals which appear on our emblem—*Loyalty* and *Service*—but it remained for the assistant of *Today* to build the other two—*Education* and *Efficiency*. The fine loyalty and service of *Yesterday's* dental assistant has been most beautifully expressed in a very splendid tribute written by Dr. C. N. Johnson in appreciation of the devoted assistant who made a life's career of her position in his office, "Miss Mary." It remained for the dental assistant of the post-war period to build the foundation for the development of our remaining cornerstones—*Efficiency* and *Education*. Appreciating the handicaps of training from but one office, bewildered by the many new demands made upon them if they were to keep pace with the progress of post-war dentistry, small groups of dental assistants in scattered localities began establishing dental assistants societies, which included all women affiliated with an ethical dental office, since it seemed that whatever her particular specialty might be, all had a common interest.

Finally in 1924, the American Dental Assistants Association was incorporated in Illinois by the societies in New York City, Chicago, Alabama State and Indiana State, giving the object of their society as follows:

"To aid in the advancement and elevation of the dental profession by encouraging white women employed as dental assistants to form societies whereby they may secure the educational advantages of lectures, clinics, and general instructions in the details of their duties; to bring better and more loyal services to the dentist and to the public. To educate the dental assistant to a higher plane of efficiency."

It took a keen imagination, indeed, to visualize the opportunity ahead

but fortunately our Founder, Juliette A. Southard was more than equal to the task of providing inspired leadership to this infant organization.

Note that in the beginning, the educational policy rested largely with the local societies. As groups of assistants were affiliated with the national organization, every effort was made to interest them in an immediate development of their educational program. The program was three-fold: lectures at their meetings, clinics, and in some instances, classes. Records of the older societies show them as having lectures on many subjects of practical interest, chosen as they could find speakers who were willing to appear before such a group but without any particular plan for the development of information in any special phase of the work. It is an interesting thing to compare the present programs of the older societies with their earlier efforts, for we find them broadening the subjects to provide cultural matter, which will give the alert assistant something to talk about besides the weather, and adding many subjects of a more theoretical nature.

The clinic program thru our nine years of existance, has been of inestimable service in immediately improving the efficiency of our members. Thru exchange of practical ideas and more careful methods, all have profited. Clinic programs have been developed in a great variety of ways: some in clinic clubs, at which the members took turns demonstrating or talking about some material they had to present; some have had clinics by professional men at their meetings, and later have undertaken to have clinics by their individual members; others have limited their efforts to the table clinics which they have had the opportunity to present before various dental societies, local, state and national. The keen competition for our National Clinic Trophy shows the

great interest in this field, and an amazing variety of subjects have been presented.

The class program has been at best a somewhat haphazard arrangement, since the types of classes presented, especially in our earlier years were dependent upon the professional men whom we were able to interest sufficiently to give instruction. Naturally, the earlier years of our societies show a great predominance of practical methods, especially laboratory work and secretarial services. However, as our societies have gained experience, programs adaptable to both the new assistant and to the woman who has served the dental world thru many years, have been arranged. The trend for more subjects of a fundamental and theoretical nature has been well established, as is shown by a survey of the classes presented in our societies last year. These included such practical subjects as First Aid, Practical Nursing, Laboratory Assistance including inlay technics, Porcelain Glazing, Office Management, Anesthesia, Manipulation of Amalgam, Manipulation of Plastic Materials, Nitrous Oxide Anesthesia, X-ray. Theoretical subjects included Dental Anatomy including Tooth Carving, Child Psychology, Applied Psychology, Dental Pathology, Bacteriology. One society started a three-year program in both theoretical and practical subjects all of which was to be taught by dental college teachers. Here, I should like to call your attention to the fact that no real study of a subject can be accomplished in too limited a time, and therefore urge upon you the desirability of planning classes of longer duration which will admit of more than a superficial approach to the subject.

At the first annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, the delegates expressed themselves of the opinion that while it was very desirable for our societies to do all in their power

thru their own efforts to improve the education and efficiency of our members, that the greatest service might be rendered the dental profession by an assistant who would receive her training in a dental college. We, therefore, petitioned the dental schools of the country to consider the establishment of such a course. At present there are two courses offered in this country falling within our ideals, the North Pacific College of Oregon and Northwestern University which presents a course including the basic subjects of dental assisting and office management and the practical work of Oral Prophylaxis to meet requirements in states where Hygienists are licensed. Since that first annual convention, our conventions have continued to reaffirm that resolution, and to urge the dental schools to consider the inclusion of such a course. At our 1931, convention, a committee on Curricula reported they had completed the outline of a course for dental assistants which could be adapted to the dental schools with the facilities and teaching staffs which they now have. Interest in this outline has been shown, and it is our hope that ere long we may have the satisfaction of having the suggested course subjected to the test of actual experience.

The *Tomorrow* of the dental assistant is bound up with her education. It is interesting to know that among the offices of dental surgeons, it is not uncommon to find the medical nurse serving as office assistant, the college trained woman acting as secretary; and the hygienist trained primarily to clean teeth, is constantly adding to her training in general office procedure including laboratory technics, complete secretarial training, and radiography. It therefore seems reasonable to imagine that as we continue to progress that we may look forward to the day of the "*Dental Nurse*" who shall be trained in

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mental scientific courses, which will provide the same foundation for adaptability that the medical nurse, who later specializes in surgical nursing, finds in her basic course. Today we play the role of the professional dental assistant as we vision her, knowing that tomorrow she will be recognized as a professional woman by the dental world.

Highlights

By Mae I. Dickinson, Cincinnati, Ohio

QUALIFICATIONS for a Dental Assistant: The outstanding requisite is *physical health*. Strict adherence must be paid to the law of hygiene, especially personal cleanliness. Securing an adequate amount of fresh air and sufficient rest are both vital items. The care of the hands is of utmost importance. It endangers the life of yourself, your patient and your co-workers not to have your hands thoroughly cleansed. *Personal neatness*—always having uniforms clean and tidy, should always be the aim of every assistant. *Mental qualifications* certainly are not to be overlooked. *Memory* is a most important possession and one which people lack, and lack simply for want of cultivation. Learn to cultivate an orderly mind and orderly habits. The faculty of being able to decide what is best to do or say under certain conditions should be studied. Be quick to observe details and equally quick to act intelligently on your observations.

Promptness is, to my mind, a very essential requisite. *Be on time*. Move and work quickly but quietly. Make haste without hurry. If you are not prompt you will find yourself lacking in case of an emergency. Never

let your patients see or feel a tenseness. A certain amount of dignity should be practiced by the dental assistant in the office. The nature of your office demands a quiet and dignified manner. Genuine dignity admits no rudeness or familiarity from others, yet is free from a display of importance or superiority. *Tact*, or having the power to do and say the right thing at the right moment, is an admirable asset. Well bred consideration of others is founded on kindness. One should not confuse kindness with sympathy. One should not radiate sympathy. Be on your guard, show your sympathy by a gentle touch, a cheery smile or encouraging word, but always hold yourself so orders can be carried out without delay. Of course self-control, being able to keep your head cool and nerves steady in case of an emergency or trying experience, is not to be overlooked. "*Obedience*"—being able to carry out orders absolutely, regarding the care of the patient and the details of the office, is an outstanding requirement. A closing word of professional ethics—The moral obligation we owe our employers the dentists, our patients, and each other is never to be overlooked.

Preparations of Artistic Record and Demonstration Models

By Laura M. Harvey, Detroit, Mich.

THE preparation of record models for especially unusual cases, is a laboratory process which many dentists have been putting off with the excuse of lack of time. The method outlined in this article may be expediently turned over to a capable assistant. Glass shelves lined with *unsightly plaster models* are not an uncommon sight in the dental offices of any town or city. The purposes of this motley assortment are many and varied.

Many dentists today keep records of patient's mouths before extractions, to assure the patient of their interest in his case, and to add to the probability of his returning for dentures an impression of the anteriors alone often suffices for this type of work. In the case of the orthodontist, record models are made before the treatments begin during the course of the treatment and after completion. Sample bridges made to fit on permanent models for illustration, is another phase of this work. A model with a glazed surface has been found to be much easier to work with when making a porcelain jacket crown. With this type of model, the possibility of chipping the plaster is eliminated. Illustration of a pyorrhetic condition is simplified when the patient can be shown a model of his own mouth, with the gums tinted to show the stage of the infection. When so many instances necessitate the use of plaster models, why not make them natural looking? Have you ever tried putting yourself in your patient's place when a model is presented to him? Usually the dentist brings out a segment of a jaw bone that is startlingly real in its resemblance to a portion chopped from a skull the pa-

tient is expected to subordinate his natural revulsion to the bony structure, and the dentist's statement that it represents his own condition, while he listens to a semi-technical explanation of a proposal to remedy his troubles. Now, consider the alternative. For comparatively a trifling cost, involving the expenditure of very little over a dollar, these models may be made to present an entirely different aspect. The initial cost will take care of a quantity of models, and naturally tinted gums with properly shaded smooth surfaced teeth can replace the ordinary white porous models you now have.

After the impression is taken in compound, or any other impression material, and the plaster or stone has been poured, the assistant can add greatly to the appearance by making a base. After this has been done, preparing the solution and dipping the models is a very simple process. One and a half teaspoons of pink Tintex dye and an equal quantity of the orange color, is added to a half a glass of water; this solution is painted on the plaster model with a cotton roll, using a light sweeping stroke to prevent a blotchy surface, for the places around the teeth use a small camel's hair brush. This color solution will be absorbed by the plaster, and give a more natural effect than a paint, or any other coating which might tend to interfere with the detail. By mixing equal parts of yellow and brown watercolors, such as are used in an art class in school, a very thin mixture of this will give a porcelain tinge to the otherwise white teeth. After these colors have been allowed to dry, the model is ready for dipping. To prepare this dipping solution, a

pound of white stearic acid is melted in a small deep basin. (This acid can be purchased at a very low cost from a wholesale drug company). When melting, be careful not to over-heat it, as there is a tendency to turn the model yellow if acid is over-heated. When dipping orthodontic models, this is most important, as the models should be kept as white as possible. Submerge the model into the hot solution, you will notice a bubbling reaction, leave the model in the solution from three to five minutes, or until it ceases bubbling. It is best not to leave the fire burning under the solution at the time the model is in the basin, as the heat in such close contact might crack the model. If dipping stone, it is best to warm the model before dipping it to prevent breakage. The acid will penetrate into the plaster about a quarter of an inch, and so thoroughly, that it does not interfere with the detail of the model; this has been proven by using the models for making porcelain jacket crowns. After taking the model out of the acid, allow it to dry on a piece of absorbent paper for about a half hour. You will notice that it has a

hard, smooth, transparent coating, which will take a very nice polish and leave a glazed surface. The base may be lacquered black with one of the better grades of lacquer, to prevent the model from showing fingerprints. In case the model becomes soiled after this process, it may be washed with soap and water without injury.

The stearic acid may also be prepared as a cold solution by dissolving it in chloroform, benzol, or alcohol, and the model dipped into it in the same manner, but the coating will be a thinner surface, and much more apt to come off. The hot solution allows the acid to penetrate deep into the surface. In using these solutions we have experimented with analine dyes, alcohol soluble dyes and other water-color dyes, which have a tendency to run or change color when dipped into the solutions. Watercolors may be used, however, if more orange color is added to the mixture for tinting gums to take care of the change in color when dipped.

The dentist who adds this process to his office technique will have clean, natural, beautiful models, and can preserve them for years to come.

Dedicated to the Tacoma Dental Assistants Society

By Dr. Rowland W. Hill, Tacoma, Wash.

Before you started working, for the
guy you call your boss,
You thought he was a gentleman, and
never could be cross,
But you found as his assistant, you
have small chance for fame,
Because when anything goes wrong,
you always get the blame,

Like kings in ancient history, you
know a king can do no wrong.
He's always right, at morn, at night,
in fact the whole day long,
Even when he takes in money, and
forgets the persons name,
And the patient comes in raving, he
lets you take the blame.

You mislaid this, you mislaid that,
you threw something away,
You forgot to tell a patient, she was
not to come today,
Innocent as you may be, you take it
just the same,
Because you know the Dr.'s perfect,
and you've got to take the blame.

Sometimes I'll bet it burns you up,
to always play the goat,
He makes mistakes, and to cover up,
he rams them down your throat,
Someday you'll lose your temper, and
say "to hell with fame."
Go find yourself another assistant and
let her take the blame."

The Necessity of Collaboration in Our Assistant's Work

By Mary Jackson, Muskogee, Okla.

Read before the Oklahoma State D. A. Society, Nov. 8, 1933

DO YOU know what I would wish today for the benefit of the dental assistants if I could have my wish?—I'd wish that a definite standard of education be established for all dental assistants, and that anyone not having this required amount of education be barred from assisting in a dental office. That would be a big wish, wouldn't it? And *why*, you ask, would I wish that?—Because it would mean that only those who were deeply interested in becoming a *real* dental assistant, would pay the price. It would mean that the long line of girls who are ready at any time, so far as they are concerned, to step in and take your place at a little less per week than you can afford to work for, would be cut down. It would for a certainty raise the standard of our profession, and instead of having a comparatively small group here today we would have a large group of interested girls ready and willing to do their part in making our organization stronger and better. Of course, all of this is just a wish, it isn't true, although our National Organization is doing all in its power to create this definite standard of education. So what are we going to do about this situation? We can all do something; which leads us back to the subject of this paper—"The Necessity of Collaboration in Our Assistant's Work." In speaking of collaboration, I do not seek to use an unusual word, but use it because it conveys the exact thought I wish to express.

We are familiar with the word cooperation, which means operating together. The word *collaboration* means *laboring together*. And that is what we are going to have to do, if we are to keep our positions and make

progress. An example of cooperation and collaboration: Two boys on a seesaw are cooperating—operating together. But did you ever see two men using a crosscut saw on a log? They are collaborating, or, laboring together. With this understanding, I want you to think with me on laboring together in our assistant's work. What is our organization for? To help its members individually and collectively—So it is going to take work to do that. In the first place, people are happier if they are working. Those who have tasted of real helpful work, are not content to be idle. So we know that once you start working in your organization you will not be content to be idle.

Modern *industrial* life has demonstrated beyond question that *mass* production is more effective than individual production. Hardly anything we use today is produced by the effort of one individual. Take for instance the car in which you rode down town this morning, or in which you rode to this meeting. Do you have any idea how many people it took to make it possible for you to get here?—Starting from the time the metal was in the ground and the gas and oil in the heart of the earth. No one man on earth can make a car. No one man on earth can refine gasoline. It takes the minds of many, many people put together and the efforts of many, many people laboring together to accomplish *any* great thing. In our organization there are girls who are new, but we want you in the working ranks, and if you are called upon, don't refuse to work, because not only will you be helping others, but most of all—you will be improving yourself. There is much work to do in

our organization. The ability to do this work is in you, but unless you will each agree to collaborate, your ability no matter how good, is just stored up within you, doing no good for either you or your profession. Work in most any organization might be compared with a baseball game. Grandstand filled with people who will criticize the players if the least thing goes wrong, but in reality only eighteen men doing all the work.

There is a story told of an army marching into battle. In order to get to the battlefield they had to cross a bridge which was not very substantial. The King had placed guards at the bridge to give orders as to how many could cross, etc. The commander, a short distance in front of his army was stopped by the King's Guard, and told that when the army reached the bridge they would have to *break step*. The commander upon inquiring *why*, was told that the steady tramp, tramp, tramp, of everybody stepping at once, would possibly cause the bridge to break and they would all be destroyed, because the impact of their moving together would give great power, but if they would break step with each walking at random, there would be no particular force at any particular place at anytime. In our work, don't you think that the impact of our moving together—would give us *power* to do greater things?

I believe that so far, too many of the girls who have belonged to our organization have dropped out, or to the girl who has never belonged, the American Dental Assistant's Association is still a vague something or other that takes a dollar a year, and our State Society is another something or other that takes another dollar. They feel this way because they have really never worked in their organization. If we plan a big program for our work this coming year, it is going to take the active participation of every

member to carry it out successfully. We gain only as we plan big things. Every worth-while thing for our society must first be planned and dreamed over before it becomes a reality. Work from the individual assistant can only come *voluntarily*, for we have no overlords who can compel anyone to do anything. The individuals joined together make up our local societies; the local societies joined together make up our districts; the districts joined together make up our State Organization, and our State Organizations joined together make up our National. So you see, we are all *bound* together, and we should all want to work together to help each other.

There are ways in which we can keep the girls who are really not interested, or qualified, out of our offices, ie, by training ourselves so that we are able to work with our employer, so efficiently that he will not want a person with less training than we, and as a group of young women *together* setting a standard, and working in harmony to uphold that standard, so that our employers and the Dental Profession as a whole will grasp what we are striving for, and will not want a person in their office who does not come up to this standard. Not many employers would keep an employee if they felt they were not doing something to better themselves. We need all of our members in this work. Some people are capable of doing much more work than others. All cannot do the same kind of work. We would not want it to be that way, we would have too much of one class of workers and not enough of others; but although all cannot work the same, all can give of their talents with the same motive and spirit, and with each girl doing her share, we can have a well organized smooth running machinery with which we can turn out a lot of work that will benefit each individually, and our organization as a whole.



Question Box*

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Q. Should patients be introduced to each other in the reception-room?

A. Under no circumstances, unless some condition arises that makes it unavoidable.

Q. What reply shall an Assistant make to an unknown person who telephones and asks about fees?

A. Fees should never be quoted over the telephone no matter how persistent the person may be nor what excuse they give for asking this question.

Q. Should the Assistant understand and operate the X-ray machine? Are dark-room technique and film diagnosis necessary?

A. Every Dental Assistant should want to understand the X-ray machine and know how to operate it if necessary. In New York state there is no law prohibiting this, though in some states, none but qualified dentists are permitted to take the Radiographs. The Dental Assistant should understand how important it is to keep the machine free from dust, to note the Amperage and Voltage and if there is a

high tension wire, its position in regards to metal surroundings. It is most important that a Dental Assistant know how to develop Radiographs. She should know all dark-room technique, *but she should never make a verbal or written diagnosis.*

Do you know that—

Much Mouth Hygiene can be taught to patients under the direction of the dentist, by the Assistant.

Do you know that—

Assistants should be most particular about using some mouth-wash after every meal. It is very objectionable for patients to detect the odor of coffee, etc. on the breath of anyone working at the chair.

Do you know that—

All uniforms should be fitted with little shoulder straps on the inside to hold the straps on slips, etc., together. This precludes the unsightly habit of putting the hand inside the uniform to adjust the undergarment straps.

* We invite our readers to send in questions and suggestions. Personal replies will be sent upon receipt of self addressed and stamped envelope. Data must be received by the 3rd of the month for the issue of the succeeding month. Send to ELIZABETH V. SHOEMAKER, Kew Plaza, Kew Gardens, N. Y.

Secretary's Corner

By Ruth M. Clark, Gen. Secy., A. D. A. A., 1-4 Scofield Bldg., Minot, N. D.

To the Members of the A. D. A. A.—

SHALL we make the year 1934 an outstanding one in more ways than one? Let's begin by paying our dues promptly; now \$1.75 which includes your subscription for "THE DENTAL ASSISTANT". Our Association and magazine cannot function without the cooperation and financial support of each member. Surely each one of us can sacrifice a small amount that we might spend on luxuries and by so doing, cancel our obligations toward our own American Dental Assistants Association. Your General Secretary is considering having an honor roll and listing those Societies who remit dues on time, answer National correspondence promptly, and send in the names of newly elected officers immediately after an annual election. And while we are on the subject of co-operation, please make out all checks to "American Dental Assistants Association", and include the "exchange" fee. Trusting that the above matters may have your very kindest consideration and that this office may receive your wholehearted support in the future as it has in the past, and wishing *every member* the brightest and best Year ever, I am, Sincerely,

RUTH M. CLARK, *General Secretary.*

CHANGES IN OFFICERS

Erie County Dental Assistants Society, Pa., annual election December 13th, officers elected:—President, Elizabeth Klein, 705 Commerce Bldg., Erie.; Vice-President, Faye Carmichael; Secretary, Esther Schmalenbach, 163 West 18th St., Erie; Treasurer, Marion Maahs.

Luzerne County Dental Nurses Assn., Pa. New officers:—President, Marquerite Brennan, 384 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, Pa.; Vice-President, Rose Regal; Secretary, Frances M. Austin, 70 S. Loudan Ave., Kingston, Pa.; Treasurer, Sally Semokitis.

Detroit D.A. Society. New officers:—President, Mrs. Evelyn Kemp, 1301 David Whitney Bldg.; Vice-President, Bess Burleigh; Recording Secy., Sadie Wallace; Treasurer, Dallas Hershey; Corresponding Secy., Agnes O'Neil, 1465 David Whitney Bldg.

N. Y. State D.A. Assn. Mrs. Zoa Dickhout who has served as President of the D.A. Assn., of N. Y. State has resigned. The Acting President will be the 1st Vice-President, Miss Gertrude Carhart, 333 Linwood Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

NOTICE TO ALL PRESIDENTS

NANCY E. JOHNSON, Transportation Committee Chairman, 603 Main St., Evanston, Ill., has something "up her sleeve" for the members who will be able to attend our next convention at St. Paul, next August. She urgently asks that the presidents of all our societies ascertain JUST HOW MANY OF THE MEMBERS are going to St. Paul, also how many delegates will be sent. Results will be published in the May issue. Send Nancy this information AT ONCE, and oblige her and the A.D.A.A.

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NEW YORK CITY, FEBRUARY-MARCH, 1934

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

A Suggestion

IN THE "Dental Survey", page 16 of the January issue, we note a letter signed "A Dental Assistant, Dubuque, Iowa", which we commend for a clear analysis of a situation which has arisen no doubt in many dental offices, if not actually in every dental office at some time or another, and we praise its spirit of helpfulness towards the solution of one of dentistry's problems; i.e., the prevention of *bad accounts*. If every society for dental assistants could lend its co-operation, through the effort of its individual members, for the compiling of lists of "*dead beat*" patients, there would be fewer "*headaches*" afflicting the dentist employer when it comes to the balancing of his *budget*, and also on the part of the dental assistants who are responsible for collection of accounts. It is because a certain class of humanity feel certain that the dental profession has little, if any, means of detecting their inclination to "*hook*" the dentists, that they go from one city or state to another, and ply their trade of "*beating*" their dental bills, and often they do this in the same town or city.

If the dental assistants with the co-operation of their employers, could aid the dental profession in compiling a list of the patients who make it their business to get "*free*" dental service, and once this information was gathered, the dental profession would consistently apply itself to tabulating (or pay to have it done) a "*credit rating record*" giving the names and addresses of such patients, this record would eventually become a very valuable document which would be the means of saving many thousand dollars a year to the dental profession collectively.

We fully realize that this could not be accomplished in a few days, weeks, or even months; but with time, and followed up by intelligent publicity over a reasonable period, the public would learn that there was such an agency, and there would be a decreased tendency for this type of rascality to thrive and flourish. This is not a new idea, it has been found practical in many business enterprises, and in some localities, dentists have become members of credit bureaus and similar associations. These of course are not strictly professional mediums, and for that reason, dentistry should have its own "*credit rating*" exchange.

It makes any conscientious dental assistant "*boil*" with indignation (just as it did our Dubuque co-worker) when patients "*get by*" as she says, without paying for services rendered, and to add "*insult to injury*", KNOCK her employer because, as they usually express it, "*the work was not satisfactory*". BLAH!!, it never is when not paid for. Personally, I would like to see our societies make themselves useful to dentistry in this way; it seems

to me to be feasible and practical, PROVIDING that the dentist employers will co-operate, by permitting their assistants to compile the statistics from their office records. We would be glad to hear from both the dentists and the assistants on this subject. Send to the Editor's office your thoughts on the matter.

Juliette A. Southard.

The Survival of the Fittest

AS THE New Year unfolds before us, we eagerly look forward with a great deal of anticipation as to what the future may bring. Changes are taking place rapidly, even our government, like a huge searchlight probing and penetrating into all professions and business, is sifting the waste and useless from the worthwhile, so that we should look to ourselves to see if we have "carried on" with the same fine spirit which lead us to choose and enter our beloved profession. It is true that the past few years have been discouraging and our tasks more difficult, and not too remunerative, but have we all not rested somewhat on our laurels, those we worked so willingly to achieve? In times of stress we should expend "*more effort*" to improve our minds, "*knowledge*" and "*efficiency*", and to give to our offices all the "*encouragement*", "*loyalty*" and "*strength*" that we have, if we intend to hold up the high standard we have set for ourselves.

Our individual societies are feeling the stress too, and *if ever we needed an organization, that time is now*. Far too many members, girls who are responsible in a large part for the success of their individual society, are sitting back with a "I've done my share" attitude, waiting for the new members to carry on. Of course we need new members with their help, but we must have the co-operation of ALL members to make a successful society. We must realize that we "*receive*" in benefit, just what we "*give*" to an organization. From the experience of the past three years, if we have kept faith and have not lost our perspective, we shall emerge enriched in character and with a quality of usefulness infinitely more substantial than we ever thought possible in the past. Let us turn the searchlight on ourselves unflinchingly, and endeavor to improve so that we may stand the test of "*the survival of the fittest*."

MARGUERITE WILLIAMS

Ideals for the Dental Assistant

Roberta M. Grossman, President, Pittsburgh D. A. Assn.

WE ALL have the ability to create ideals. Most people do create them, but are these ideals realized throughout their lives? Unless ideals are worked into our lives and out again in ideas and acts, they rust. We are the builders of the ideals of our Dental Assistants' Associations and it is our hope to lay a firm foundation for those who will follow. May we lay that foundation of ideals and faith to our objective. *Education, Efficiency, Loyalty and Service* are corner-stones of this foundation. *Education* and *Efficiency* go hand in hand. We can not work efficiently if we neglect our education. Some time each day should be spent acquiring knowledge which will make us efficient in our chosen profession. *Truth* and *Loyalty* are closely bound together, and without these ideals, life would be impossible. We are desirous of rendering efficient *Service*. With *Education, Efficiency, and Loyalty* we are able to render intelligent service to humanity.

Are we not striving to follow these high ideals, and are we not growing together to learn the truths of our calling as well as its beauties? Indeed we are, and this is made possible through our own Dental Assistants' Associations. May you all think well of your ideals and may you strive for the very best.

Calendar of Meetings *

Vivian C. Sherman, 1519 Washington Bldg., Tacoma, Wash.

ALABAMA

Birmingham D. A. Society

Meeting—Feb. 20th, 1934, 5:45 P.M.

Place—Britlings No. 1.

Speaker—Dr. R. J. Monette.

Topic—“Inlay Casting and Technique.”

Essayist—Mrs. Clara Bradford.

Topic—“Dental Cements; Their Properties and Uses.”

Meeting—March 20th, 1934, 5:45 P.M.

Place—Britlings No. 1.

Speaker—Dr. Sydney A. Page.

Topic—“Professional Ethics.”

Essayist—Mrs. Abbie Pryor.

Topic—“Development of the Dental Assistant; Her Place in Dentistry.”

Abbie Pryor, Publicity Chm., 418 Medical Arts Bldg.

CALIFORNIA

San Diego Co. D. A. Society

Meeting—February 26th, 1934.

Place—Bank of America Bldg.

Speaker—Dr. Ray P. Selder, Los Angeles.

Roberta A. Steinke, Publicity Chm. 626 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.

GEORGIA

5th Dist. D. A. Soc., Atlanta.

Meeting—February 13th, 1934, 6 P.M.

Place—815 Candler Bldg.

Speaker—Dean Raimundo DeOvies.

Topic—“Child Psychology.”

Meeting—March 13th, 1934, 6 P.M.

Place—815 Candler Bldg.

Speaker—To be announced.

Topic—“Interior Decorating; Hintson Making the Office More Attractive.”

Marie S. Shaw, Publicity Chm., 810 Candler Bldg.

MICHIGAN

Detroit D. A. Society

Meeting—Feb. 6th, 1934, 7:15 P.M.

Place—Eaton Tower.

Speaker—Dr. John Lundberg.

Topic—“Professional Ethics.”

Meeting—Feb. 20th, 1934, 7:15 P.M.

Place—Eaton Tower.

Clinic—“Dental Anatomy,” by two members.

Classes in “Dental Anatomy” held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. at the University of Detroit, through the kindness of Dr. A. Alfred Nelson; Conducted by Dr. Kyprie.

New Officers, found in the General Secretary’s Corner.—Korinne Noran, Publicity Chm., 2577 Van Dyke Ave.

NEBRASKA

Lincoln D. A. Assn.

Meeting—February 5th, 1934.

Place—Cornhuskers Hotel.

Paper—“Relation Between Local State and National D.A. Associations,” by a member. Dr. Ralph L. Ireland will continue his clinic on Dental Anatomy.

Lillian Burcham, Publicity Chm., 1016 Stuart Bldg.

Omaha D. A. Society

Meetings—February 13th and 27th, 1934.

Place—To be announced.

Clinicians—Aloise Clement, and Marie Lennahan

Clinic—“Rebasing a Case.”

One meeting devoted to a class on Porcelain Work.—Mary Haney, President, 2210½ Military Avenue.

NEW JERSEY

Monmouth D. A. Assn.

Meeting—February 28th, 1934, 7:45 P.M.

Place—No. 2 Third Avenue, Long Branch, N. J.

Clinic—By Marlochs Dental Laboratory.

Meeting—March 28th, 1934, 7:45 P.M.

Place—No. 2, Third Avenue, Long Branch, N. J.

Speaker—Mr. Miller.

Topic—“Gas Machine.”

Ena E. Barklow, Publicity Chm., 16 West Main Street, Freehold, N. J.

Topic—“Interior Decorating; Hints on Making the Office More Attractive.”

NEW YORK

E. & E. Society for D. A., 1st District

Meeting—February 13th, 7:45 P.M.

Place—Offices of E. R. Squibb & Sons, 745 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Speaker—Dr. Theodore Blum, President, 1st Dist. Dental Society.

Topic—“Assistance to the Dental Surgeon” (this will be a forum of questions and answers).

Clinic Club will present, “Preparation of Filling Materials.”

Esther Kahn, Publicity Chm., 440 East 6th Street, New York City.

D. A. Study Club, 2nd District

Study Class Meeting—February 2nd, 1934, 8 P.M.

Place—Second District Dental Soc. Rooms, 62 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Topic—“Interchange of Ideas,” by members.

Meeting—March 2nd, 1934, 8 P.M.

Place—Same as above.

Speaker—Dr. L. M. Waugh.

Topic—“Alaska.”

Meeting—March 16th, 1934, 8 P.M.

Place—Same as above.

Speaker—Miss Doris Coxon, Brooklyn Red Cross.

Topic—“Physicians Instructions on First Aid.”

Margarite W. Simpson, President, 103 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

OHIO

Cincinnati D. A. Assn.

Lecture Class—February 2nd, 1934, 7:30 P.M.

Place—Union Central Bldg., Medical Dental Suite.

Lecturer—Mrs. Lora Lederer, Psychological Examiner in Public Schools.

Topic—To be announced.

Annual Group Clinics—February 9th, 1934, 7:30 P.M.

Place—Hotel Sinton, St. Nicholas.

Clinics—“Efficient Assistance”, “Sterilization”, “Laboratory Assistance”, “Instrument Care.”

Meeting—February 3rd, 1934, 7 P.M.

Place—Hotel Gibson, Clubroom A.

Speaker—Dr. E. J. Gromme, Orthodontist.

Subject—“Travel Talk on Hawaii.”

Essayist—Miss Hilda Ehrhart.

Subject—“Daily Contacts in a School Clinic.”

Essayist—Miss Hilda Ehrhart.

Lecture Class—March 2nd, 1934, 7:30 P.M.

Place—Union Central Bldg., Medical-Dental Suite.

Lecturer—Miss Helen Sanders.

Topic—To be announced.

Meeting—March 23rd, 1934, 7 P.M.

Helen Meyers, President, 6019 Madison Road.

Toledo D. A. Society

Meeting—February 19th, 1934, 7 P.M.

Place—Ransom and Randolph Bldg.

Myra Decker, Publicity Chm., 3404 Monroe Street.

OREGON

Southern Willamette D. A. Society

Meeting—February 19th, 7:30 P.M.

Place—402 Tiffany Bldg.

Speaker—Dr. S. C. Endieott.

Subject—“Hemophilia.”

Clinic—“Gold Fillings in Artificial Teeth.”

Orpha Lay, Publicity Chm., 410 Tiffany Bldg., Eugene, Ore.

Portland D. A. Society

Meeting—February 6th, 1934, 7:15 P.M.

Place—Selling Bldg.

Subject—“Child Dentistry.” General discussion.

Harriet Hamann, Publicity Chm., 1003 Selling Bldg.

PENNSYLVANIA**Lehigh Valley D. A. Assn.***Meeting*—February 26th, 1934.*Place*—Hotel Easton, Easton, Pa.*Speaker*—Dr. T. J. Sullivan.*Topic*—“Dental Topics of Interest to the Dental Assistant.”

Cleta M. Smith, President, 1004 Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pa.

Luzerne County Dental Nurses Assn.*Meeting*—February 13th, 1934, 8 P.M.*Place*—Miners Bank Bldg., Office of Dr. F. L. Davenport, Wilkes-Barre.*Speaker*—Dr. B. Glanckopf.*Subject*—“The Effect of Nutrition on Teeth of Mother and Child During Pregnancy.”

New officers found in the Secretary's Corner—Francis M. Austin, Publicity Chm., 666 Miners Bank Bldg., Wilkes-Barre.

Philadelphia Assn. of Dental Nurses*Meeting*—February 20th, 1934, 8 P.M.*Place*—Rittenhouse Hotel, Clinic Club Rooms.

Sarah Hood, President, 1116 Chestnut Street.

Pittsburgh D. A. Assn.*Meeting*—February 3rd, 1934.*Place*—Jenkins Arcade Bldg., Assembly Room.*Program*—Greetings from National Officers. Plans discussed for the May Meeting with Pennsylvania State Dental Society.*Meeting*—March 13th, 1934.*Place*—Jenkins Arcade, Assembly Room.*Speaker*—Miss Glick, Assistant Dietician, Montefore Hospital.*Subject*—“Diet”.

Roberta M. Grossman, President, 1227 Sandusky Street.

TENNESSEE**Memphis D. A. Assn.***Meeting*—February 20th, 1934, 7:30 P.M.*Place*—Hotel Peabody.*Clinic*—“Models.”*Clinician*—Elizabeth Robinson.

Home made candy sold after each meeting for Delegate Fund.

Meeting—February 13, 1934, 7:30 P.M.*Place*—Hotel Peabody.

Twelve Clinics and Papers (given before the Dentists) for the purpose of selecting material for the State Meeting to be held in Chattanooga, April 26th, 27th and 28th.

Meeting—March 20th, 1934, 7:30 P.M.*Place*—Hotel Peabody.*Paper*—“Chair Assisting”, by Beatrice Boals.*Study Class*—Dental Anatomy, Dr. Frank Huff.

Ola Lundy, Publicity Chm., 708 Exchange Bldg.

Nashville D. A. Assn.*Meeting*—February 6, 1934, 1 P.M.*Place*—Y.W.C.A.*Speaker*—Vera Street.*Topic*—“Programs.”

Entertainment, Luncheon.

Meeting—March 6th, 1934, 5:30 P.M.*Place*—605 Medical Arts Bldg.*Speaker and Clinic*—Same as chosen for Tennessee State Meeting in Chattanooga.

Refreshments served.

Flora Ambrose, Publicity Chm., 605 Medical Arts Bldg.

WASHINGTON**Seattle District D. A. Assn.***Meeting*—February 17th, 1934.*Place*—Medical Arts Auditorium.

Meeting held in conjunction with Mid-Winter Clinic of Seattle District Dental Society.

Clinics—“Gold Foil”, “Do's and Don'ts in Dental Assisting”, “Dressings”, “Office Records”, “Tooth Anatomy”, (Class Display), “Amalgam Mixing”, “Mixing Synthetics.”*Meeting*—March 7th, 1934, 7:30 P.M.*Place*—Medical-Dental Bldg.

Joint Meeting with Tacoma Dental Assistants Society.

Clinic—Dr. C. T. Fleetwood, and Clinics by Members, Seattle District D.A. Assn.—“Gold Foil”, “Cement,” “Synthetics.”

Paper—“Office Records.” Helen Marrs.

Clinic—“Emergency Treatment and First Aid for Hemorrhage” by Alice Bender, member Tacoma D.A. Society.

Three-Minute Talks—By entire membership of Tacoma D.A. Soc., in costume.

Topic—“Hobbies.” Hazel L. Dresser, Publicity Chm., 818 Cobb Bldg.

Tacoma D. A. Society

Meeting—February 1st, 1934, 7:30 P.M.

Place—Medical Arts Bldg.

Speaker—Prof. Robert W. Sinclair, College of Puget Sound.

Topic—“Applied Psychology.”

Clinic—Dr. C. Otto Terry.

Subject—“Porcelain Technique.” Refreshments, Katherine Hopkins and Virginia LaFlamboy.

March Meeting—With Seattle District D. A. Assn.

Place and Program—See Seattle item.

Vivian C. Sherman, Publicity Chm., 1519 Wash. Bldg.

Walla Walla Valley D. A. Assn.

Meeting—February 6th, 1934, 7:30 P.M.

Place—501 Baker Bldg.

Clinic—Dr. J. F. Geyer.

Subject—“Correct Cement Mixing Technique.”

Dorothy McLeod, President, 501 Baker Bldg.

Yakima D. A. Assn.

Meeting—February 6th, 1934, 7:30 P.M.

Place—Miller Bldg.

Speaker—Dr. A. W. Burns.

Topic—“Diet’s Relation in Retardation of Decay.”

Meeting—March 6th, 1934, 7:30 P.M.

Place—Sloan Bldg.

Speaker—Dr. Bernard Sutton.

Topic—“Taking X-ray Pictures.”

Geraldine Green, Publicity Chm., 702 Larson Bldg.

*All the data for this department must be of current value and must be in the hands of the Editor by the 3rd of the previous month.

Mistakes We Make

By a Dentist

HOW did this assistant feel? . . . Not long ago an assistant escorted a patient to the business office to arrange for the first payment and next appointment. How much money would you like to leave today? The patient hesitated. The assistant said, “Can you leave us twenty dollars?” The patient agreed quickly and produced the money. In rushed the dentist, picked up ten dollars and handed

it back to the patient. “Oh, you don’t have to leave all that!” If there is an efficient assistant in our office we should not interfere with the business side of dentistry beyond having an understanding with our patient at the beginning. From then on, place the entire responsibility with the assistant. Yes, this story about Dr. Blunder is true, and Miss Efficiency wasn’t so good with her collections after that.

Talking It Over

Edith C. Weinhart, Editor, 835 Medical Arts Bldg., Tacoma, Wash.

WELL, this month I am IT, and as "Life Member" of the illustrious Board of Trustees of the A.D.A.A., I don't seem to have been "*set on the shelf*", but rather I have been "*set to work*" which I happily look forward to, and I take it the only difference between myself and co-Board members, will be that they have a specific district to "*Trustee*", while I may have the joy and privilege of being a member "*at large*", and ramble at will. I always did like to travel, so let's travel together. Mary Ellen Ross told us last month in her splendid article entitled "The New Year", published in the Editorial Department of our magazine, that a dental assistant "will be seriously interested in improvement. She will buy books, travel, etc.", so that my idea of travelling together is a good one, don't you think? But in all seriousness, why not have more travel and other talks at our meetings—why not "*ramble*" in imagination in other places besides dental offices and dental clinics, with other companions besides suffering adults, unruly or frightened children, soiled instruments and sterilizers, and even "*hard to please*" dentists.

I was talking with the President of a sister society, not long ago, and she said her greatest problem was to "*entice*" her members to attend meetings, that oft-times members had said to her "I know I miss some of our meetings, but when evening comes, after a busy day at the office, I am "*filled up*" on dentistry, and I just cannot spend an entire evening listening to a dentist talking "*shop*", or to a member reading about "*shop*"—why don't we have something else for a change?" There is an old saying that "*all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.*" What about his sister Jill? We must plan EDUCATIONAL programs, we KNOW that, as we are not organized for social purposes, but we can have our educational programs of such a character that they will educate us, and at the same time relax and interest us, also having an interested audience that will stimulate us and be worthy of our speakers. Let's vary our programs with such topics as "*travel talks*", talks on "*health sports*", "*hobbies*", "*historical events*", "*popular books*", "*the theatre and its celebrities*", "*current events*", etc. One of our societies had a meeting recently, the speaker being a Police Captain, his topic "*Missing Persons*", most fascinating and educational; something that comes very close to us every day. We read about missing persons in our daily papers, we see movies based on this theme, books are written about it.

I well recall a most interesting meeting I attended a couple of years ago, when the topic of the evening was "*Hobbies*", the speakers, some 10 in number, all members who had been asked to prepare a 5 minute talk on their favorite hobby, presented a most delightful and interesting program, educational too, as it made possible the speaking of 10 members, giving them poise, literary preparation of their papers, etc. Now that we have our magazine with its contents telling us about our work, our daily problems, dentistry, etc., etc., etc., if we will "*read as we run*", we will absorb a lot of educational material that is definitely intended to teach us ways and means to improve our technique in dental assisting. If each one of us will secure ONE NON-MEMBER SUBSCRIBER (dentist or assistant) and we each get ONE NEW MEMBER FOR OUR SOCIETY, we can in a very short while DOUBLE or TRIPLE our subscribing list; we can have a much larger magazine in size,

more illustrations, and more technical material. Our income at present being limited, perforce of circumstances, we are limited as to expansion, and I feel certain that you would like to see YOUR MAGAZINE grow, as well as I would. So shall we ALL travel together towards this goal? Seems like I hear the echoes saying yes, yes, YES!! YES!!!

JULIETTE A. SOUTHARD, *Founder.*

To Whom It May Concern

BE IT KNOWN that inasmuch as the Portland Dental Assistants Society in the year 1933, bought, pieced and sold shares in one quilt, and as they have passed through the rough fields of financial uncertainty and into the Elysian fields of financial independence, having the friendliest feeling toward other societies who might embark on a similar enterprise, they hereby issue these words of warning. To wit:

DO NOT appoint a committee, and especially its chairman, unless you want to inflict punishment on them.

DO NOT select a quilt pattern unless it is "*showy*" and yet "*simple*", and unless the color scheme is one that will be universally liked. (This is an absolute impossibility).

DO NOT buy a quilt unless you know it is cut on a thread and is large enough for a full size bed.

DO NOT distribute the pieces, until you have made sure by counting them that there is not one missing, and that each member knows how the pieces go together and how deep to make the seams and the number of the thread to be used. Better do it at a meeting.

DO NOT expect to collect, press, arrange and sew the blocks together in one evening. This is where your committee will sit up nights.

DO NOT select someone to do the quilting until you know how much it will cost. It may be over \$7.50. (We were lucky.)

DO NOT sell the shares for more than 10c. each. Our treasurer made up books of ten pages each, numbered them and suggested that each buyer should write her name and address and when the books came back sold, she cut the pages out, folded them and put them into the bowl for the drawing.

DO NOT plan to have the redeeming of the shares at a closed meeting of the Society. The best solution to this problem is to have it done at the local dental meeting if this can be arranged.

The following is the financial report of our Quilt Committee:

Cut out quilt	\$ 1.00
Muslin 7½ yds. @ 15c.	1.13
Thread25
Cotton batting49
Quilting	2.50
Total cost	\$ 5.37
Shares sold @ 10c. each (439)	\$43.90
Net profit	\$38.53

MARGARET COOKE, *President.*

This and That*

By Ethel Whitenton, Memphis, Tennessee

DUR Honorary Member, Dr. Henry Fowler, says that the New Year may have started but "tis better late than never", so he sends us ALL his best wishes for 1934.

Helen Fitting, 1st Vice-Pres. of A.D.A.A. celebrated another birthday. Congratulations!

Zella Eighmy, our Subscription Manager, has been forced to resign this position because of ill health. We regret it muchly and wish her a speedy recovery.

Elsie Rebhorn of the Luzerne County Assn. will enter the General Hospital as a student nurse in Feb.

Marjorie Thornton, Ankeny, Iowa, is attending Northwestern Dental School for a course in Dental Hygiene.

Rose Quam of Minneapolis is on the up and up after a long illness. Hooray!

Retha Rogers and Mary Poff of Oklahoma are getting acquainted with germs and teaching Bacteriology to the girls. (Where, oh where—is Spiro Keet?)

Mrs. Alice Marty, Kokomo, Ind. has returned from a 3 months vacation and is back to work in her office and in the I.D.A.A. Welcome!

Helen Richardson, Seattle, found "vacationing" a little difficult during the cold weather until she conceived the idea of flying over to Wenatchee, about 165 miles across the Cascade Mts. A bit Ritz we think. Myrtle Moorehead tried to go by Bus to Portland and had to walk part of the way. Moral—take ice skates along next time.

It is with regret that we learn of the temporary retirement from the

profession of Laura Andrews of Nashville, Tenn. She has been active and we hope to hear soon of her return. We are hoping too to soon hear that Marion Richards of Ohio is in harness again. She resigned because of illness.

As a climax to an evening of revelry at which the Cincinnati girls successfully costumed as characters all the way from Topsy and Eva to the Prince of Wales. Catherine Moorman brought that darling baby to the party.

The Pittsburgh and Portland girls have fine plans for money-making and bridge parties. Ask them how to do it.

With regret we note that Marion Richards had to resign from the Toledo Assn. because of illness. All wish her a speedy recovery.

Tacoma anticipates having as new members Lois Muller and Andrea Hosford.

Mary Thatcher of Seattle bought a number of packages at their auction sale. Most of them contained handkerchiefs. We hope she won't HAVE to use them soon. The Tacoma girls can tell us how to make good sandwiches.

The Memphis D.A.A. welcomes as new members Jan Sturdivant and Grace Rivers. In appreciation of splendid work they elected Dorothy Au pied as a life member of their board.

It is with a feeling of deep sympathy for our member Clara Phillips, Trustee for the 2nd Dist., 296 Broadway, Long Branch, N.J., that we learn of the passing of her beloved mother on Christmas morning after a brief illness. Our love goes out to her and

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the hope that "He who healeth all things" will bless her with courage and bring peace in her grief.

Our cherished A.D.A.A. mother, Mrs. Virginia Clement, has not been in the best of health lately. She loves "All Her Girls" and we know that she would be glad to hear from them. Address—2958 N. 59th St., Omaha, Nebraska.

Prosperity surely must be returning judging from the number of engagements and marriages. Doris Russell of Toledo will join the "yoke" ranks and retire from business. Alma Guthrie, Erie Co., Pa. has announced her engagement and Elizabeth Klein is soon to become Mrs. Frank A. Lennberg, Jr. She is the newly elected president of the Erie Co. Assn. From Wilkes-Barre we learn that Gertrude Carroll is betrothed to Mr. Jos. Reiss. The Tacoma Society misses Katie Tennyson Geers who left Dr. Harold Christofferson's employ for the joys of married life; however, it is an ill wind that blows nobody good, as a former member, Erna Weller is taking her place and is back at the meetings. Dorothy Poe announced in a most unique way (she would) her engagement to Mr. Earl Burton Bose at the Cincinnati meeting. Her ring holds a 2 karat diamond surrounded by 36 smaller ones and we wonder how it feels to wear a whole quarry on one's finger. (By way of explanation we wish you to note—NO, the "**This and That**" column is really NOT a matrimonial bureau).

Helen Morris devotes much time to singing. Mary Connolly has a new Childe Pup (Prostheticians note) that loves to chew up everything chewable even to his beautiful bassinet. Helen Meyers and Mae Dickinson have gone literary-minded—studying literature dating back to 1500 B.C. For advice on the Old Testament, just write Mae. (No, not West).

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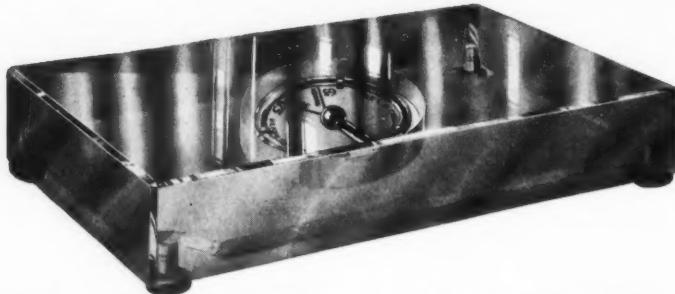
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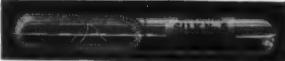
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